We have had a little visit from Mary Grew who spent last night with us. With these dear old abolitionists I feel as if breathing my native air. How bright and good they are. We went to the Suffrage Picnic at Framingham. I did not go for pleasure, but the day was so fortunate, a little cloudy yet neither too hot a cold, that I really enjoyed it and met many interesting people. I was thankful we had cool weather at Wayland on your account. I am afraid you have been suffering lately with the heat.

I bought a kaleidoscope for our niece and meanwhile we have been enjoying ourselves. It pleases me more than the finest fireworks and when I am tired I take it up and am refreshed. In its endless variety it seems like a miniature world and its lively actors seem to have a joyous consciousness and to twinkle at us.

Samuel joins me in love to your both. Yrs affectionately

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